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H.R. 4425 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, as the "Martin G. 'Marty' Mahar Post Office." (Tonko, D-NY)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Monday, February 22, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 4425 designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, as the 'Martin G. 'Marty' Mahar Post Office.'

Additional Information: Sgt. Marty Mahar was an Irish immigrant who joined the U.S. Army and served 50 years at West Point. More information about Sgt. Mahar can be found [here](#).

Committee Action: H.R. 4425 was introduced on January 12, 2010 and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which held a markup and passed the legislation.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO report is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a U.S. federal building renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: Although no committee report citing constitutional authority is available, Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution grants Congress the authority to establish Post Offices and post roads.

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H.R. 4238 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 930 39th Avenue in Greeley, Colorado, as the "W.D. Farr Post Office Building" (Markey, D-CO)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Monday, February 22, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 4238 designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 930 39th Avenue in Greeley, Colorado as the 'W.D. Farr Post Office Building.'

Additional Information: W.D. Farr was a third generation Coloradoan and was called a pioneer rancher, visionary, statesman, water expert and banker. He was involved with the Colorado Big Thompson Water Project, which brought water from the western slopes of the Rocky Mountains to eight counties of northern Colorado. He also served as an advisor to the U.S. Department of Agriculture under Presidents Truman, Kennedy and Nixon. Mr. Farr died August 13, 2007, at the age of 97.

Committee Action: H.R. 4238 was introduced on December 8, 2009, and referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which held a markup and passed the legislation.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO report is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a U.S. federal building renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

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H.Res. 1039 - Supporting the goals and ideals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day. (Lee, R-NY)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, February 22, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1039 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the goals and ideals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “Heart disease affects adult men and women of every age and race in the United States;
- “Data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that more than 65 percent of American adults do not get enough physical activity, and more than 39 percent are not physically active at all;
- “Congress by Joint Resolution approved on December 30, 1963 (77 Stat. 843; 36 U.S.C. 101), has requested that the President issue an annual proclamation designating February as ‘American Heart Month’;
- “The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health, the American Heart Association, and many other organizations celebrate ‘National Wear Red Day’ during February by ‘going red’ to increase awareness about heart disease as the leading killer of women; and
- “Every year since 1964 the President has issued a proclamation designating the month February as ‘American Heart Month!’.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1039 was introduced on January 26, 2010, and referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 526 - Recognizing the 70th anniversary of John Mercer Langston Golf Course. (Norton, D-DC)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, February 22, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 526 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the 70th anniversary of John Mercer Langston Golf Course.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “The historic Langston Golf Course was officially opened in 1939, as a segregated golf facility for African-Americans;
- “The Langston Golf Course, Rock Creek Golf Course, and East Potomac Golf Course are owned by the National Park Service, and each has a long history of service to the general public as an integral part of the Nation's capital, including services to local and regional residents, visitors, and tourists;
- “These courses together constitute an undervalued and underused asset that can be maintained and modernized as affordable facilities for use by the general public if an appropriate lease arrangement is utilized that encourages private investment in keeping with the existing Federal procedures; and
- “The capital improvement necessary to maintain and modernize the courses and to prevent their deterioration is not possible using a traditional concession contract; and
- “A long-term lease for all three courses together, designed outside of the constraints of concession law, will encourage private investment in these courses, improve and modernize them, ensure affordable play, and preserve the historic nature of the courses.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 526 was introduced on June 10, 2009, and referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1046 - Recognizing the significance of Black History Month (Rep. Green, D-TX)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, February 22, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1046 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the significance of Black History Month as an important time to recognize the contributions of African-Americans in the Nation's history, and encourages the continued celebration of this month to provide an opportunity for all peoples of the United States to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped the Nation; and
- “Recognizes that ethnic and racial diversity of the United States enriches and strengthens the Nation.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “The first Africans were brought involuntarily to the shores of the America as early as the 17th century;
- “Barack Hussein Obama was elected the 44th President of the United States, making him the first African-American chief executive and breaking one of the last racial barrier in politics in this country;
- “The birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass inspired the creation of Negro History Week, the precursor to Black History Month;
- “Negro History Week represented the culmination of Dr. Carter G. Woodson's efforts to enhance knowledge of Black history started through the Journal of

- Negro History, published by Woodson's Association for the Study of African-American Life and History; and
- “The month of February is officially celebrated as Black History Month, which dates back to 1926, when Dr. Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period of time in February to recognize the heritage and achievement of Black Americans.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1046 was introduced on January 27, 2010, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

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